

BEAR LIBRARY

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In 1991, the Friends of the Bear Library incorporated, enabling them to work with the county to establish a new library serving the Bear, Christiana, and Glasgow areas. By 1993, the Bear Library Building Program was developed and capital funding for the project was authorized.

Leadership for the building of the new library came from the dedicated group who founded the Friends of the Bear Library. Spearheading the effort was Carol B. Harrington, who served both as president of the Friends and as chair of the Bear Library Capital Campaign Committee.

The community response and support for the Bear Library continues to be tremendous. Within the first year of operation, the Bear Library circulated more items than any other library in the state, and issued over 14,500 new library cards. A second community meeting room was opened in October 1999 to accommodate the many groups and organizations requesting meeting space. And during the first two summers of operation, a total of 4,452 children registered for the Summer Reading Program.

Key Individuals

Carol B. Harrington served as both president of the Friends Group and chair of the Bear Library Capital Committee.

Friends Officers: *Beverly Wright, Donna Ricchuiti, Donna Armstrong, Bill Whitsell, Nancy Whitsell, Joe Bussiere and Jean Runge.*

